

IOWA QPPS

Standard 6: Teachers
and
Standard 10: Leadership & Management



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Objectives

- Further define Standards 6, Teachers and 10, Leadership & Management
- Identify evidence that may be collected to verify each criteria is being met
- Allow for questions

Iowa QPPS

QPPS Standard 6: Teachers

This standard focuses on:



- The importance of teacher education and training, including on-going professional development
- The connection of this training to high quality care, effective teaching, and children's development

QPPS Standard 6: Teachers

IQPPS has two main sections in the Teachers Standard

- Preparation, knowledge, and skills of teaching staff (criteria 6.1-6.4)
- Teacher's disposition and professional commitment (criteria 6.5 and 6.6)



QPPS Standard 6: Teachers

Criteria 6.3 (Required)

- Teachers are licensed by the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners and hold an early childhood endorsement.
- (Refer to *Timeline for Meeting Teacher Qualifications, Table 2 Section III page 49* which details a phase in timeline for teachers to work toward and obtain a degree based on number of teachers and classrooms)

QPPS Standard 6: Teachers

Criteria 6.3 (Required)

- Appropriate teaching endorsements are:
 - Teacher – Prekindergarten through grade three, including special education;
 - Teacher – Prekindergarten through kindergarten; and
 - Teacher – Prekindergarten through grade three.
- (ECSE is not an appropriate license unless the teacher also holds one of the above endorsements or has a conditional.)

QPPS Standard 6: Teachers

Criteria 6.4 (Required)

- Assistant teachers-teacher aids have a high school diploma or GED and:
 - 50 percent of assistant teachers-teacher aides have at least a Child Development Associate Credential (CDA) or equivalent;
 - 100 percent of assistant teachers-teacher aides who do not have at least a CDA are enrolled in a program leading to a CDA or equivalent, are actively participating in the program, and are demonstrating progress toward the CDA or equivalent.

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Criteria 6.4

- Qualifications of Teaching Assistants
 - Equivalent is 12 college credits in early childhood education, child development, or special education;
 - Credits should encompass child development and learning birth through kindergarten; observing documenting; and assessing young children; teaching and learning; and professional practices and development.

QPPS Standard 10: Leadership & Management

How many program portfolios does the district need to develop?

- Answer
- One Program Portfolio for each district using QPPS.
 - Districts participating in the Statewide Preschool Program for Four-Year-Olds who have designated the QPPS will develop one program portfolio for the district;
 - Other requirements apply to districts choosing Head Start Program Performance Standards or NAEYC Accreditation Standards and Criteria.

QPPS Standard 10: Leadership & Management

Criteria 10.1

- Philosophy and Goals
 - Overall district mission and philosophy will apply.
 - Goals and objectives may vary by building or site.

QPPS Standard 10: Leadership & Management

Criteria 10.2 (Required)

- Qualifications of Administrator
 - Has a baccalaureate degree;
 - Has at least 9 credit bearing hours of course work in administration, leadership, and management;
 - Has at least 24 credit bearing hours of course work

OR

QPPS Standard 10: Leadership & Management

Criteria 10.2 (Required)

- Qualifications of Administrator
 - Documents that a plan is in place to meet the above qualifications within five years;

OR

- can provide documentation of having achieved a combination of relevant formal education and experience as specified in table 3 Program Administer Alternative Pathways to Meet Educational Qualifications Section III page 51.

QPPS Standard 10: Leadership & Management

Our program does not transport children do we need a policy?

- Answer
- Yes, develop a policy for use when the program transports children for field trips or other activities.

QPPS Standard 10: Leadership & Management

Criteria 10.16

- Background checks
 - Employees who come in contact with the preschoolers must meet all the criteria listed in 10.16.
 - Criminal background check
 - Free of history of substantiated child abuse or neglect
 - Are 18
 - Have completed high school
 - Have provided references and current health assessment

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